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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED FEBRUARY 11, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2003, in the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A clean version of the entire set of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(3) is attached as Appendix I.